



## South Coast

### Air Quality Management District

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**SUBJECT: NOTICE TO RELY ON A PREVIOUSLY CERTIFIED ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

**PROJECT TITLE: PROPOSED AMENDED RULE (PAR) 1156 – FURTHER REDUCTION OF PARTICULATE EMISSIONS FROM CEMENT MANUFACTURING FACILITIES**

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) is the Lead Agency for the project identified above pursuant to its certified regulatory program (SCAQMD Rule 110). The objective of PAR 1156 is to further reduce particulate matter (PM) emissions from cement manufacturing facilities. A Final Environmental Assessment (2005 Final EA, SCAQMD No. 050307JK, dated October 13, 2005 and certified on November , 4, 2005) for the current rule, was previously prepared pursuant to CEQA, which identified “air quality” as the only environmental topic that might be adversely affected by the current rule. PAR 1156 would require the enclosure of clinker storage, which was evaluated in the 2005 Final EA as a possible control option. Since impacts from the currently proposed project are essentially the same as those analyzed in the previous 2005 Final EA that was circulated for public review and comment, and subsequently certified, the SCAQMD will rely on that previously certified 2005 Final EA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15153, because the circumstances of the projects are essentially the same. Greenhouse gas (GHG) and PM 2.5 analyses were not prepared as part of the 2005 Final EA, but were evaluated in connection with the currently proposed project and found not to be significant in the Initial Study (IS) prepared for the proposed project. Since the circumstances of the currently proposed project are essentially the same as those analyzed in the 2005 Final EA and the analyses of GHG and PM2.5 impacts were concluded to be less than significant, no additional reasonable alternatives or mitigations are required. The purpose of this letter and the attached Notice to Rely on a Previously Certified EA is to allow public agencies and the public the opportunity to obtain, review and comment on the environmental analysis.

This letter and the attached Notice to Rely on a Previously Certified EA are not SCAQMD applications or forms requiring a response from you. Their purpose is simply to provide information to you on the above project. If the proposed project has no bearing on you or your organization, no action on your part is necessary.

The Final EA and other relevant documents may be obtained by calling the SCAQMD Public Information Center at (909) 396-2039 or accessing the SCAQMD's CEQA website at <http://www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/aqmd.html>. Comments focusing on issues relative to the environmental analysis for the proposed project will be accepted during a 45-day public review and comment period beginning Monday, July 15, 2008, and ending 5 p.m. on Tuesday, August 28, 2008. **Please send any comments to Mr. James Koizumi (c/o Office of Planning, Rule Development, and Area Sources) at the address shown above.** Comments can also be sent via facsimile to (909) 396-3324 or e-mail at [jkoizumi@aqmd.gov](mailto:jkoizumi@aqmd.gov). Mr. Koizumi can be reached by calling (909) 396-3234. Please include the name and phone number of the contact person for your agency. Questions regarding the proposed amended rule language should be directed to Ms. Tuyet-le Pham at (909) 396-3299.

The Public Hearing for the proposed project is scheduled for October 3, 2008. (Note: This public meeting date is subject to change.)

**Date:** July 11, 2008

**Signature:** Steve Smith

Steve Smith, Ph.D.

**Title:** Program Supervisor

**Telephone:** (909) 396-3054

**Reference: California Code of Regulations, Title 14, §§15082(a), 15103, and 15375**

**SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**  
**21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765-4182**

**NOTICE TO RELY ON A PREVIOUSLY CERTIFIED ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

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**Project Title:**

Notice to Rely on a Previously Certified Environmental Assessment for Proposed Amended Rule (PAR) 1156 – Further Reduction of Particulate Emissions from Cement Manufacturing Facilities

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**Project Location:**

South Coast Air Quality Management District: the four-county South Coast Air Basin (Orange County and the non-desert portions of Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino counties) and the Riverside County portions of the Salton Sea Air Basin and the Mojave Desert Air Basin.

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**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:**

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**Lead Agency:**

South Coast Air Quality Management District

**Division:**

Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources

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**Draft EA and all supporting documentation are available at:**

SCAQMD Headquarters  
21865 Copley Drive  
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

**or by calling:**

(909) 396-2039

**Draft EA is available online by accessing the SCAQMD’s website at:**

<http://www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/aqmd.html>

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**The Public Notice of Completion is provided through the following:**

☒ Los Angeles Times (July 15, 2008)

☒ SCAQMD Website

☒ SCAQMD Mailing List

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**Previously Prepared Final EA Review Period (45-day):**

July 15, 2008 – August 28, 2008

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**Scheduled Public Meeting Dates (subject to change):**

SCAQMD Governing Board Hearing: October 3, 2008, 9:00 a.m.; SCAQMD Headquarters

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**Send CEQA Comments to:**

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